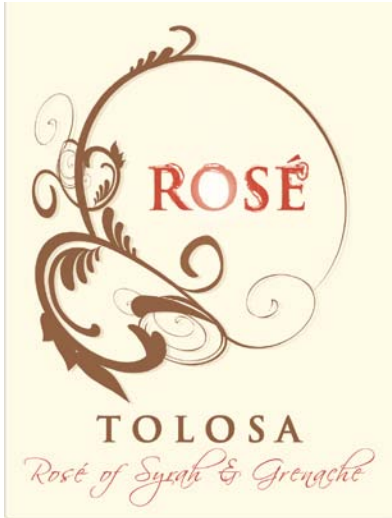


# TOLOSA

*Estate Wines*

## 2009 Rosé Wine



<b>Varietal:</b>	Syrah 60%, Grenache 36%, Viognier 4%
<b>Appellation:</b>	Edna Valley AVA
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.0%
<b>T.A.:</b>	4.7
<b>pH:</b>	3.57
<b>Brix at Harvest:</b>	23.7°
<b>Tank Aging:</b>	100%
<b>ML %:</b>	0%
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	2/5/2010
<b>Production:</b>	175 cases
<b>Food Pairing:</b>	Fresh Summer salads
<b>Suggested Retail:</b>	\$16.00

### Vineyard Notes

The grapes for this wine with the exception of the tiny amount of Viognier came from our Salaal vineyard. This vineyard gives us our Sauvignon Blanc, Grenache Blanc, and our best Syrahs. It is a flat piece of ground, but its charms are hidden in the form of an ancient river bed that lies under it. This underlying gravel provides the necessary drainage and soil warmth that is lacking in most flat sites. The 2009 vintage was challenging for most of the fresh and light wines due to heat that came on in late August, but the Syrah that is the base of this wine shrugged it off without damage.

### Winemaking Notes

A couple years ago we made a change in how we make rose. Previously we would drain or bleed some juice from a red fermenter and that would become our rose. But we discovered that if instead we put whole red fruit in the press and treated it like a white wine in terms of technique the outcome was superior. The resulting wine tends to be much lighter and fresher with none of the harshness that we battled with the prior technique. The only downside with our new recipe is that it tends to be weak and dull in color. To remedy this we blended some red wine into the rose right at fermentation to strike the perfect hue and not disturb the flavor overly. It only took about 1% red wine to achieve our goal.

### Winemaker Tasting Notes

*This is one of the best roses we have bottled. It is a truly delightful shade of "girly" pink. Getting the color right is harder than you think! The aroma is complex and layered especially for the type with melon, white peach, strawberry and orange peel the dominant notes. There is also a hint of some sort of dry spice akin to cardamom. The flavors and textures are soft due to low acidity and there's ample sweetness from the fruit freshness. I like to drink this wine on the rocks on a hot day. It loves spicy foods.*